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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG REQUEST FOR BONN GROUP BRIEFING ON GDR
OVERTURES TO THE US

REF: BONN 93051; NATO 4443; BERLIN 6127

1. US BONN GROUP REPRESENTATIVE MAY BRIEF BONN GROUP ON
RECENT GDR PROPOSALS TO THE US DRAWING ON STATE 121085,
WHICH PROVIDED DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE AND DEPARTMENT
PRESS SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS. ALTHOUGH BRIEFING SHOULD
BE GENERAL, DETAILS MAY BE TAKEN FROM BERLIN 6044 WHICH
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OF YOUR BRIEFING TO USNATO FOR ITS USE PER NATO 4443.

2. TWO POINTS SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED. THE GDR PROPOSALS
ARE ESSENTIALLY ONES WHICH HAVE BEEN PRESENTED BEFORE
ONE AT A TIME. NOW, THEY HAVE BEEN PLACED TOGETHER IN A
SINGLE PACKAGE. PRESS COVERAGE OF THIS ACTION HAS BEEN
OVERDONE, IN OUR VIEW, AND WE VIEW THE PROPOSALS NOT SO

MUCH AS A SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENT IN RELATIONS, BUT RATHER AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE GDR TO KEEP THESE ITEMS UNDER CONTINUED DISCUSSION. WE SHALL RESPOND TO THE GDR IN DUE TIME ON THESE PROPOSALS.

3. ONE DEVELOPMENT, IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIFIC GDR PROPOSALS, HAS BEEN THE GDR'S DECISION TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING HUMANITARIAN CASES IN WHICH THE USG HAS EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST. THIS IS A WELCOME STEP AND MEETS ONE OF THE US PRECONDITIONS FOR A GENERAL EXPANSION IN THE SCOPE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON A CONSULAR CONVENTION, HOWEVER, REMAINS AN OBSTACLE WHICH MUST BE OVERCOME BEFORE RELATIONS WILL BECOME MORE "NORMAL." ADDITIONALLY, WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN SETTLING CLAIMS.

4. FOR US NATO: DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY PROVIDED COMPLETE BRIEFING ON THE ABOVE TO THE FRG EMBASSY HERE. NEVERTHELESS, YOU MAY PROVIDE GENERAL BRIEFING TO NATO ALLIES AFTER THE BONN GROUP HAS BEEN BRIEFED AND USING TEXT OF BONN GROUP BRIEFING WHICH EMBASSY BONN IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO YOU.

5. FOR EMBASSY BERLIN: DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY BERLIN'S PROPOSAL TO BRIEF UK, FRG AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES IN EAST BERLIN. VANCE

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